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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, RP

SUBJECT: BENIGNO AQUINO

1. "WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND" COLUMN (WASHINGTON POST) OF APRIL 30 ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO AQUINO WITH HEADING "MARCOS REJECTS PLEA TO FREE FOE". JACK ANDERSON WRITES THAT HE HAS RESPONDED TO LETTER FROM AQUINO'S MOTHER BY SENDING MARCOS A PERSONAL MESSAGE THROUGH THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY URGING HIM TO FREE AQUINO AND LET AQUINO COME TO THE UNITED STATES. ANDERSON STATES THAT MARCOS' REPLY, CITING "PENDING SERIOUS CHARGES" AGAINST AQUINO CONCLUDED "IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO ALLOW TERMINATION OF TRIAL OF THESE CASES AND RELATED COURT PROCEEDINGS".

2. IN OTHER COMMENT ANDERSON RECALLS HIS LONG-STANDING FRIENDSHIP WITH MARCOS, BUT ALSO EXPRESSES FEAR THAT "WHEN A DICTATOR (MARCOS) ADVERTISES IN ADVANCE THAT HIS CHIEF OPPONENT MIGHT BE KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED ENEMIES, IT HAS THE SMELL OF A SET-UP". COLUMN CONCLUDES THAT "I CANNOT FORGET THE FERDINAND MARCOS WHO USED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND EQUALITY...THESE HUMAN QUALITIES MAY YET PREVAIL AND AURORA AQUINO'S SON MAY BE SAVED."

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3. TEXT OF COLUMN BEING POUCHED.

4. IN ADDITION TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, WE HAVE  
RECENTLY HAD INQUIRIES FROM SENATORS MUSKIE, TUNNEY AND  
FONG AND CONGRESSMAN DANIELSON.

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